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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 21st, 1898.

In the letter from the Hongkong branch of  
the Navy League to the parent Association  
on the Defences of Hongkong it is suggested  
that the cession by China to Great Britain  
of the island to the south of Hongkong  
would enable the Chinese Custom House  
at Hongkong to be done away with. It  
is much to be regretted that a useful body  
like the Navy League should concern itself  
with political matters entirely outside its  
sphere. It is still more to be regretted that  
it should allow itself to fall into mis-  
representation. "It is idle," the letter says,  
"to blink the facts that the main  
tenance of a Chinese Customs House in  
the main street of Victoria, and the pre-  
sence at all times of armed launches flying  
the dragon flag at the principal landing  
place in the city, awaiting the orders  
of the Commissioner of Chinese Customs  
(an Englishman), give rise to serious  
misconceptions in the native mind and  
entail grave loss of prestige. The only  
'pique'—convenience—for this extrava-  
gant anomaly might, the Hongkong  
members of the League think, equally be  
advocated as a justification for a French  
Custom House at London Bridge." But  
there is no Chinese Custom House in the main  
street of Victoria, as this extract would lead  
home readers to suppose. It is true that  
there is an agency of the Chinese Customs,  
under the Control of a Commissioner, but the  
agency has no executive power within the  
confines of the colony. As to the argument  
that a French Custom House might as well  
be established at London Bridge, there is  
no reason in the world why an agency of  
the French at London Bridge should not  
be established. The Chinese Customs in  
Hongkong under the provisions of the Order  
in Council which regulates Consular jurisdiction  
in China and Japan, and from Hongkong  
to England under the power given by the  
Colonial Prisoners Removal Act, 1885.A notice is published in the *Gazette*  
authorising the purchase of the property known  
as "The Pines" by the Chartered Bank of  
India, Australia, and China as a residence for  
the Hongkong Manager. The Bank's Charter  
prohibits the holding of landed property except  
such as may be officially recognised as necessary  
for the purpose of carrying on the business of  
the Bank. The purchase of "The Pines" is  
so recognised.In the House of Commons, replying to Mr.  
Plumer, Mr. Goschen said—No detailed reports  
of the working of the boles of the *Powerful*  
have yet been received. No defects of any kind  
in these boles have been reported, and the result  
of experiments on the outward passage. They  
were not worked under full power conditions, on  
order to affect having been given.The route proposed by China for the pro-  
longation of the Burma Railway, says a home  
paper, runs from Mandalay, via Bhamo, Sajang  
and Taifoo, to Nankiang, on the Yungtze-  
Kiang with a branch from Taifoo to Silang  
on the Sikang. By these means England  
would get the whole trade of Southern China  
into her hands, as she would touch the three  
largest rivers, the Yungtze-Kiang, the Mekong,  
and the Shing.A notification is published in the *Gazette*  
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the Bank. The purchase of "The Pines" is  
so recognised.In the House of Commons Mr. Pickering  
asked the Home Secretary under what authority  
Mr. Carew, who was convicted of murder in  
Her Majesty's Consular Court in Japan, is  
now impaled in Nagasaki, Japan. Mr. Wil-  
son, the prisoner, was removed from Japan  
to Hongkong under the provisions of the Order  
in Council which regulates Consular jurisdiction  
in China and Japan, and from Hongkong  
to England under the power given by the  
Colonial Prisoners Removal Act, 1885.The last few days, writes the Hamburg  
correspondent of the *London and China  
Express* under date of 15th February, have  
plainly shown that Germany is to be com-  
pelled or has to take some degree been taken  
of recognition for both the last Kingin boat and the first Hamburg-American liner going out to China have been  
full of passengers to the East, and of course to  
Kiaochow. To anyone who knows the province of  
Shantung such haste to go out will there  
appear rather strange, for although the  
time is not remote it will take a long time  
before there is room for German subjects to  
live there who are not either soldiers or sailors,  
and externally caused.The inaccuracy of the representations  
made on this subject in the letter of the  
Hongkong branch of the Navy League is

surpassed by their extraordinary imprecision. The rectification of the frontier is required for defensive purposes, not for the facilitation of smuggling. The latter plan is calculated to prejudice the proposal in the eyes of the Chinese Government, and although the Chinese Government does not count for much and has to comply with almost any and every demand made upon it, however oppressive or iniquitous, it is undesirable to excite its suspicious unne-  
cessary. Great Britain desires to act by China in a perfectly clean-handed manner, and the views of the Navy League on the question of smuggling will find no countenance on the part of our own Government. It was agreed by the Chofo Convention that a joint Commission should be appointed in order to the establishment of some system that shall enable the Chinese Government to protect its revenue without prejudices to the interests of the colony of Hongkong. That Commission sat, a long time after the signing of the Convention, and the system thereon established, though no doubt susceptible to improvement in its details, has on the whole been mutually advantageous. If the colony's frontiers are extended the facilities for smuggling will be proportionately increased, and instead of the extension involving the destruction of the preventive system now in force, as the Navy League assumes, it would rather be an argument for strengthening it. If the extension takes place, as we all hope it will, we may take it for granted that the agreement will contain terms providing against the use of the new territory as a basis for smuggling into China. The effort of going to China and asking her to concede territory for the express purpose of facilitating the deflection of her revenue would be too pro-  
prietous.

The appointment of Mr. C. W. Duggan as a Justice of the Peace is gazetted.

The French cruiser *Duguay-Trouin* arrived at Manila on the 13th March from Peru and Brazil.The death rate last month was, for the British  
and Foreign community, civil population, 33.8,  
and for the Chinese community 22.A number of constables from various divisions  
of the Metropolitan Police are, a home paper  
says, being selected for service in Hongkong.Prince Henry of Prussia returned to Hongkong  
from Canton on Saturday and was present  
at Mrs. Hall-Irving's At Home in the afternoon.The cable which now leaps at Capo Bolino  
is to be extended to Manila. This will do away  
with the risk of stoppage of communication by  
damage to the land line.On Saturday afternoon H.M.S. *Centurion*  
met the G. Company, Klug's Own Regiment,  
in the semi-final of the football challenge shield.  
The soldiers won six goals to nothing.The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of China* ar-  
rived at Nagasaki at 4 p.m. on Friday and left  
at 10 p.m. on Saturday for Shanghai, where she  
was due to arrive at 11 a.m. yesterday.The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of Japan*, from  
Hongkong, arrived at Shanghai at 10 p.m.  
Friday and left at 8 p.m. on Saturday for Nag-  
asaki, where she is expected to arrive at 7 a.m.  
today.The first Gymkhana of the season will be  
held on Saturday, 16th April (weather per-  
mitting). The programme will shortly be out.  
It consists of six events, all races, including a  
steepleschase.The third cruiser, lately built for the Chinese  
Government, was successfully launched from the  
Vulcan Dockyard at Stating on February 13th.  
Hui Hui, the Chinese Minister, performed the  
ceremony of naming the vessel *Hai-Shen*.The French steamers to be employed in  
convoying Russian troops from Vladivostok  
will probably be the *Saint-Petersburg Free  
Dove*, says the larger vessels of the  
Imperial Transatlantic and the Charognes  
Reunis, of Havre. Some years ago Russia had  
a similar official in a state of berthing. It  
is said that it took the gentlemen the rest of  
the day to find out the cause of the Russian's  
mistake.A Parliamentary paper has been issued  
illustrating in detail the plan of work to be  
carried out in the Gibraltor and Hongkong  
Harbours in connection with the Naval Works Bill, 1897.Until now the public have only been enlightened  
with respect to the whole plan of work to be  
done. The return just published shows the  
whole plan of work to be done.The Chinese Minister of Finance has  
been mentioned as having been appointed  
to the post of Comptroller of the Mint, and  
this to be increased to 25 acres, the additional  
22 acres being made up as follows.—Tidal  
basin 33 acres, North Barracks 13 acres, Com-  
muniunal Buildings 14 acres, and Escamblion  
24 acres. Part of Sharp's Buildings is to be  
included in the Naval Yard, and the  
portion to be given to the Mint.There is a large reclamations  
show extending in front of Wellington Bar-  
rier and the Arsenal Yard to Arsenal Street.This Reclamation is given to the War  
Department in exchange for the foreshore of North  
Barracks and the Commissariat establishment  
and less by widening Queen's Road and Arsenal  
Street.

The following are the scores:

CRICKET.

CHAIKONGWEI CO. V. HARMONIC CO.

The return match between the above clubs  
was played at the Happy Valley on Saturday  
and ended in a complete victory for the latter.

The following are the scores:

CHAIKONGWEI CO. C.

M. E. Agape, s. &amp; P. Nestoni .....

J. L. Stephen, R. H. Petronji .....

E. Hippocrate, b. &amp; P. Nestoni .....

A. C. Bissell, c. P. Nestoni .....

A. E. Agape, b. &amp; P. Nestoni .....

A. Lopez, b. Githers .....

H. Lopez, b. Githers .....

T. Tischke, run out .....

R. Boos, b. Petronji .....

Extras .....

Total .....

B. Githers, b. M. E. Agape .....

P. Githers, b. Agape .....

J. Lopez, b. Agape .....

J. Segulin, stump dry .....

M. Lopez, b. Agape .....

M. Morley, b. Agape .....

V. Ruiz, b. A. E. Agape .....

R. Petronji, b. Agape .....

D. Lopez, b. Agape .....

F. Lissberg, run out .....

C. Baratto, hit wicket .....

Extras .....

Total .....

G. Hippocrate, b. Agape .....

J. Lopez, b. Agape .....

T. Tischke, b. Agape .....

R. Boos, b. Agape .....

Extras .....

CHAIKONGWEI CO. B.

J. Lopez, b. Agape .....

T. Tischke, b. Agape .....

R. Boos, b. Agape .....

Extras .....

CHAIKONGWEI CO. A.

J. Lopez, b. Agape .....

T. Tischke, b. Agape .....

R. Boos, b. Agape .....

Extras .....

CHAIKONGWEI CO. C.

J. Lopez, b. Agape .....

T. Tischke, b. Agape .....

R. Boos, b. Agape .....

Extras .....

CHAIKONGWEI CO. B.

J. Lopez, b. Agape .....

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